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## MOTT RECALLS ALL WITNESSES BUT MRS. HALL

### BUS COMPANY SECRETARY IGNORANT OF FACT UNTIL HE SAW IT IN NEWSPAPER

One-Third "Owner" Denies He Ever Received Penny of Profits.

DID FAVOR FOR MURPHY

Company Paid City Nothing for Four Years Under Contract.

A beam of light was thrown upon the conduct of the West Farms Bus Company to-day when Louis Karsch, once a Bronx resident, now living in Mount Vernon, testified before the Transit Commission that he never knew he was Secretary of the organization until he read it in the newspapers two days ago.

Karsch said he remembered signing a paper for the late Arthur H. Murphy, Democratic leader of the Bronx, but did not know its contents.

Asked to explain what he imagined the paper to be, he replied he thought it had something to do with Murphy's desire to get some stock in a garage, a procedure in which Murphy did not want his name to appear.

From a transcript read to the commission, Karsch's name appeared as one of the incorporators of the West Farms Bus Company. The other incorporators were Ferdinand Frankenberg, who has already been a witness, and Christian Borchardt. Frankenberg testified the \$17,150 net profits of the bus company from May 13, 1922, to Oct. 14, 1922, were split three ways, he taking \$5,717 and an equal sum being paid in checks to "Cash," subsequently indorsed by Thomas H. O'Neill, Under-Sheriff in the Bronx, and the Arthur H. Murphy estate.

When Karsch was asked if he had ever received any share in their profits, he replied he never received any money from Murphy or any one else as bus line profit.

Capt. Reddington, counsel for the Commission, said a subpoena had been issued for Borchardt.

Q. Did you attend any meeting of the incorporators of this company? A. No.

Capt. Reddington showed him the minutes of the company purporting to show the proceedings of Jan. 19, 1922. In this Karsch was stated to be present in person.

Q. You are stated to be a subscriber to 33 shares of stock? A. I was not a subscriber to any shares. I never had any shares.

Counsel to the Commission said he had made a careful examination of Karsch's bank books and failed to find receipt of any moneys from the bus company.

Q. (By Commissioner Harkness.) How long were you and Frankenberg together yesterday? A. About three quarters of an hour.

Q. Did he make any suggestion as to what you should testify here? A. No, I test him to it. I said I was going to tell him I knew.

Q. (By Mr. Shearn.) When Frankenberg testified you owned one-third

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**News For Homeseekers**

THE SUNDAY WORLD Real Estate Section is replete with information relative to Houses, Apartments, Farms and Rooms.

28,643 "World REAL ESTATE" and "TO LET" Ads. in October 4,825 More than October, 1921

THE SUNDAY WORLD REAL ESTATE SECTION IS READ IN 600,000 HOMES

### SULTAN DEPOSED BY KEMALISTS; REPUBLIC FORMED

People Declared Sovereign, Caliph to Be Elected From Osman Dynasty.

RELIGIOUS HEAD ONLY.

Complete Control of Nation Now in Hands of Angora Assembly.

BERLIN, Nov. 3.—The Turkish National Assembly at Angora has declared the Turkish people sovereign, has deposed the Sultan and reserved the right to elect the Caliph without dynastic privileges. It has also proclaimed a Republic of the Turkish State, replacing the former Ottoman Empire.

LONDON, Nov. 3 (Associated Press).—A report that the Turkish Nationalist Assembly at Angora has passed a law suppressing the Sultanate of Turkey and the law of succession to the throne, is contained in a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from its Constantinople correspondent, which quotes despatches from Angora.

Such action by the National Assembly would mean, of course, that the Sultan is deposed. In the future, according to the despatches, the only Caliph in Turkey will be periodically elected without Government prerogative, all power being in the hands of the National Assembly.

One effect of the action of the Turkish Nationalist Government at Angora in relation to the Sultan will be a revival of the effort of the Emir of Afghanistan to claim the Caliphate. It is believed in diplomatic circles here, as the Emir is now the most powerful crowned Muslim ruler. In any case, the British Indian authorities feel that the action taken at Angora will undermine the Moslem agitation in India against the British, which has been based on alleged British mistreatment of the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 3 (Associated Press).—The Angora Assembly last night decided unanimously that it is invested with sovereign rights and that the Turkish Nationalist Government is the keystone of the caliphate, and to-day the newspapers carry these headlines:

"Ottoman Empire collapsed. In its place there has arisen new National Turkish state—Sultanate abolished."

The decision of the Assembly was announced by a salute of 101 guns. Immediately the soldiers and civilians began to celebrate the occasion to the blast of military bands and the bright flares of torch bearers.

Two resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Assembly. The first said that by virtue of organic statute and representation, sovereign rights had been vested in an inalienable and indivisible manner in the moral person of the Angora Assembly, which was the only emanation of the nation.

The second resolution declared the caliphate was vested in the Imperial family of the Osman dynasty, but

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### TRAPPED AFTER EXPLOSION, GIRLS JUMP FROM WINDOWS AT CELLULOID PLANT FIRE

Three Employees Escape Over Roof After Failing to Find Any Others in Building—One Girl Leaps When Clothing Catches Fire—Three Are Found Unconscious.

Two persons are reported dead, nine others were probably fatally injured and several missing as the result of a quick, hot fire that swept through the old-fashioned converted three-story loft building at No. 16 East 13th Street early this afternoon. The fire started in a celluloid factory on the second floor and spread so rapidly that escape by stairway and fire-escape in the rear was immediately cut off.

So far as is known, the only occupants of the building above the first floor who got away without injury fled by way of the roof, and only three of these are accounted for.

The building was once a dwelling and the stairway and floors were of wood. In the basement was a plumbing shop. Max Lerner conducted a cloak factory on the first floor. Henry Schreiber ran a celluloid novelty factory on the second floor and the top floor was occupied by S. Marx with an embroidery factory. Marx employed ten women and two men.

No one has been found who can account for the origin of the fire. Persons who were passing on the street say they saw a burst of smoke about from the windows of the celluloid factory and heard an explosion. Flames were seen at once and four girls appeared at the front windows of the Marx establishment on the third floor. Among the Marx employees were Vera Toth, No. 298 Esplanade Place, the Bronx; Tommasina Adams, No. 89 North 13th Street, Elmhurst, Queens, and William Van Goertm, No. 1208 Hudson Street, Hoboken. They were near the door when they heard the explosion and ran into the hall.

Flames were already raging in the hallway on the second floor. The three ran to the roof, crossed to an adjoining building and escaped to the street. Three of the four girls at the windows jumped before the firemen arrived. The fourth girl remained until her clothing caught fire and then jumped, striking on the roof of a slight extension at the first floor and rolling to the street. The firemen were getting ready a net to receive her when she made the leap.

Five women were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in a critical condition and one of them was pronounced dead shortly after her arrival. At least one

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**SCHOOLGIRL POISONS HERSELF IN CLASSROOM**

Bronzed Over Low Standing in Geography, Stepmother Says.

Elise Muchnikoff, fourteen, of Hinesdale Street, Brooklyn, a pupil in Public School No. 173, at Pennsylvania and Liberty Avenues, screamed this morning and her teacher, Miss Clara Morris, found she had taken iodine.

After treatment by an ambulance surgeon, she was taken home, where her stepmother said she had been brooding for two days because her teacher had warned her that her standing in Geography was not high enough.

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**Chicago's High School Girls Told to Demand 'Clean' Fiances**

Campaign Against Social Diseases Also Includes Teaching Eugenics to 4,500 Graduates Yearly.

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.—The man who marries a graduate of Chicago high schools will be required to produce a clean bill of health, signed by a reputable physician, if plans of school authorities are adopted. Superintendent of Schools Peter A. Mortenson will bring the matter before principals of the schools here Saturday.

His plan would require a pledge from every girl that she would marry no man who was not physically fit for marriage. About 4,500 young women graduate from Chicago schools yearly.

Mortenson's plan is in line with the campaign against social diseases waged by the Chicago Health Department. It includes the teaching of eugenics to graduating school classes.

Despite the objection of members of the Board of Education a strong effort was launched to-day to have personal hygiene included in the regular course at grade schools.

MRS. VINCENT ASTOR AND HER HUSBAND HERE TO-DAY ON MAURETANIA



MRS. VINCENT ASTOR

**\$100,000 FIRE RUINS DANCE HALL AT STARLIGHT PARK**

Three Alarms Prevent Spectacular Blaze From Spreading in Bronx.

A spectacular fire that attracted thousands, despite the rain, destroyed the \$100,000 dance hall and skating rink in Starlight Amusement Park, 177th Street and East Tremont Avenue, the Bronx, at 3 A. M. to-day.

About 150 feet of the roof suddenly collapsed soon after the firemen arrived, but no one was injured. Good work of the firemen under "Smoky Joe" Martin, who came on the third alarm, prevented a spread of the flames to the score or more other buildings.

The blaze started in the cloak room of the dance hall, which was known as Exposition Hall when the place was Bronx Exposition Park. It was a one-story structure 400 by 100 feet. Charles Tototo of No. 817 East 116th Street, a watchman, tried to telephone an alarm, but the wires had been burned and he had to run two blocks to a street box. Because of a brisk wind and flying sparks, Fire Capt. John McCall sent two additional alarms.

The flames could be seen for miles and attracted hundreds of motorists, as well as residents of the locality. The hall became a furnace, and firemen had to fight the flames for more than an hour at a distance before it was under control, and danger of the whole park being destroyed was averted. Police reserves from the Bronx Park, Bathgate Avenue and Westchester police stations were called to maintain police lines.

The burned building, of concrete and brick, was built in 1916. In 1918 the Exposition Park was turned into an amusement park and the Exposition Building became a dance hall for summer and a skating rink in the cool months. Skaters were there last night until after 1 A. M. The building was of Italian design and the most beautiful of the former exposition structures.

Other passengers were: Mrs. Marie Cary, No. 10 East 61st Street; Mrs. Joseph Ely, No. 145 East 51st Street; Adano Didur and Margaret Vignon of the Metropolitan Opera Company; and Miss A. Peyre, a French aviatrix who expects to do some stunt flying here.

**"BATTLING" WHALEN'S WEIGHT 190; SHEARN'S 100 AT RINGSIDE**

Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, who caused a furore the other day when he invaded the Transit Commission hearing to denounce its counsel, Clarence J. Shearn, as a "rat" and a "liar," was dubbed "Battling" Whalen at the Board of Estimate meeting to-day.

Mayor Hylan wanted to know if a newspaper account of the incident denying that Shearn "had trembled" was accurate.

"I didn't discern any steadiness in their hands," replied Whalen. "It seemed to me they were surprised and disconcerted by my sudden appearance."

Thereupon Mayor Hylan launched another of his usual attacks on the Transit Commission.

### PROSECUTOR ONLY WAITING FOR AFTER-ELECTION QUIET TO LOCK UP HALL SUSPECTS

Nothing Political, But Desire to Prevent Unnecessary Public Disturbance Back of Mott's Decision—Mills at Scene of Tragedy Sheds New Light on His Odd Views.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 3.—Every witness who has a material story to tell about the murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills—except the rector's widow—is to be called before Deputy Attorney General Mott to-day and to-morrow. This proceeding is in the nature of a dress rehearsal for the Grand Jury hearing.

The assembling of the witnesses will give an opportunity to Mrs. Jane Gibson, the nightriding farmer woman of Hamilton Road, to view the three men named "Henry" who have been mentioned in the case and determine which of them in voice and general appearance is the man she saw in the glove of an automobile headlight at the foot of De Russay Lane with the woman she says was Mrs. Hall and later was in the quagmire ground under the crabapple tree near the Phillips farmhouse.

The call for witnesses includes all of Mrs. Hall's relatives who were in New Brunswick the night of the murders and some of their household servants; all of the Mills family and their neighbors; many of the members of the congregation and choir of the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

It is indicated that Mrs. Hall will not be a Grand Jury witness. The stenographers who took down her interview with the reporters may be called to put that exhaustive series of denials in evidence.

It is not considered likely that her counsel, Timothy Newell Pfeiffer, will advise her to disclaim immunity and go before the Grand Jurors as a voluntary witness in view of the effect of her newspaper interview on public sentiment here.

**ARMY FLYERS OFF ON CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT TO NEW YORK**

Lieuts. Macready and Kelly Take Air at 5.59 A. M., Coming Via Southern Route.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 3.—Lieuts. John A. Macready and Oakley Kelly, army aviators, took off at Rockwell Field at 5.59 A. M. to-day in an attempt to cross the Continent from San Diego to New York without a stop in the great monoplane T-2.

The escort plane that left here with Lieuts. Kelly and Macready returned at 10.35, the airmen reporting that they flew with the non-stop flyers to Yuma, Ariz., and saw them proceeding safely from there into clear weather to the eastward.

The plane was loaded last night with 735 gallons of gasoline, thirty-five gallons of lubricating oil and twenty-five gallons of water. It was estimated this would be more than enough fuel for the voyage, which was expected to be made in from twenty-five to thirty hours.

On Oct. 5 the two aviators took off here on the same attempt and when fog forced postponement of the transcontinental trip they remained aloft over San Diego more than thirty-five hours, breaking all endurance records for a flying machine heavier than air.

Since then the two Lieutenants have been waiting for favorable weather conditions. Reports from across the central belt of the continent gave a favorable forecast late last night.

Macready and Kelly tossed a coin to determine which would pilot the take-off. The coin selected Kelly.

The aviators said their route would take them to Tucson, Ariz. From there the airway is to Denver, N. M., the Franklin Mountains, forty miles east of El Paso, across the foot hills into the Texas Pan Handle, and over Fort Sill, Okla.; across the northeast part of Arkansas, over southeast Missouri, Southern Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, entering Pennsylvania at the southwest corner. Then the route goes to Mincola Field, N. Y., by way of Johnstown and Harrisburg, Pa., and Trenton, N. J.

The aviators said they expected to travel about 2,500 miles.

**525 Men's Winter Overcoats Sold, \$14.95**

THE HUB CLOTHING CORNER, 8 way, corner Broadway at 10th, (between 10th and 11th), today and Saturday our \$23.50 and \$25.00 men's Winter Overcoats and Suits in the season's newest shades of blue, brown, tan, and black, and in the latest styles, are being sold at \$14.95. Our special prices for to-day and Saturday, \$14.95 and \$15.95. Open day, to-day and Saturday, 10th to 11th, 10th to 11th, Broadway, corner Barclay Street—Adm.

**WAITING TO MAKE ARRESTS AFTER ELECTION.**

It may not be exactly true that the warrant forms have been filled out for a man and a woman charging one of them with being the murderer and the other with being an accessory before and after the fact. But those who are closest in the confidence of Special Attorney General Mott and who know of his quiet accumulation of results are certain that the warrants might just as well be prepared for signature to-day, so far as the names and charges actually to be embodied in them are concerned.

Those who understand Mr. Mott's plans do not expect any arrests—and that means indictments as well—before Election Day. This statement is not based on any political consideration.

Mr. Mott is merely taking into con-